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<sup>1</sup> The undersigned does not have a copy of these documents to submit, however, we can obtain and submit copies if requested.

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1. *KG Sinclair, Free E-books You Can Download, Copyright 1999, Pages 1-5*,  
<<http://web.archive.org/web/19991128041349/ksinclair.com/ebooks.htm>> can be found in U.S.  
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2. *Jeff Sutherland, Business object design and implementation workshop, ACM SIGPLAN OOPS Messenger, Addendum to the proceedings of the 10th annual conference on Object-oriented programming systems, languages, and applications (Addendum), Oct. 1995, vol. 6, Issue 4*, was cited in U.S. Patent No. 6,449,627; and

3. *Haim et al., Semantic integration in complex systems, ACM SIGPLAN OOPS Messenger, Addendum to the proceedings of the 10th annual conference on Object-oriented programming systems, languages, and applications (Addendum), Oct. 1995, vol. 6, Issue 4*, was cited in U.S. Patent No. 6,449,627.

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